

## **MINUTES**

### **A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall  
China Grove, North Carolina**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of November 10, 2009 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on December 1, 2009 with an addition under Old Business I) Handrail Update. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Welter made a motion to adopt the October 6, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adopt the November 2, 2009 special meeting minutes. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Jim Whitley thanked the Council for their service to the Town and congratulated the newly elected officials. Mr. Whitley stated that he emailed the Town Council this afternoon. He stated that he plans to attend the Planning Board meeting but has a concern he would like to bring before the council tonight. He stated that he had a project to build a drive-thru on his property and began the planning process a while back. He stated that this property has been here and he has owned the property since he was twenty eight years old. He stated that there was a ruling in the past concerning his used car dealership that he could not paint. He stated that his name has been in the paper a number of times that he is running an illegal business. He stated that he feels as though he has been given a raw deal in trying to operate a business in China Grove. He stated that he suffered financial loss and lost industrial grade zoning for not fighting these issues. He stated that he believes that the council could help him if they chose to. He stated that DMV only requires ninety-six square foot for an office along with a zoning permit. He stated that he needs permission to place a trailer at this location

temporarily. He stated that the tax value of this property is \$60,000. He stated that Ms. Jackson told him that the Town may be willing to purchase or lease the property. He stated that he wasn't asking to sale the property. He stated that he needs this so that he can get his license renewed.

Mayor Bringle stated that he remembers the meeting that Mr. Whitley is talking about and asked him to be in attendance at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Amie Furr – Civics and Economics Teacher at Carson High School

Ms. Furr stated that she had a few students from her class that were in attendance. She stated that she feels very blessed to have a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom. She stated that this is a grant that allows a classroom set of laptops, ipods, acti-voting system, etc. In all, she believes the grant allowed her \$50,000 worth of materials. She formally invited the Council to join her classroom via cell phone for a teleconference on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. She stated that it shouldn't take long and the students will have questions. She stated that the Superintendent, Board of Education and Community Business Leaders as well as members from Apple will be on tour in her classroom on November 20<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she would love for the officials, clerk, chiefs, or any other town official to speak to her classroom to inform the students of their daily activities. She stated that she will leave the list with the Town Clerk.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Clerk would arrange this and get it back to her in a timely manner.

Mr. Withers stated that the school asked if the Town could plan a Town Council meeting on site at the school.

Mayor Bringle stated that he is open to ideas as long as it can be open to the public. He thanked the students and teachers for being present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **I) Recycling Options**

Mayor Bringle stated that everyone needs to be able to recycle. He stated that his church has set up a mission to help members recycle. He thanked Talicia from his church for her service.

Mr. Ketner presented to the Council several options that were included within their agenda packet. He stated that he has concerns about holding a recycling center at Public Works because of the need for extra space.

Mr. Welter stated that Spencer uses the option on in-house, on-location recycling and they have a lot more space than we do.

Mr. Ketner stated that Matangira would like to coordinate the locations that will be participating in the recycling program. He stated that the user would have a one-time purchase of the container. He stated that Matangira would like to have a promise from the Council that the town would allow them to recycle for at least three years.

Mayor Bringle stated that he likes option for the town to outsource the recycling. He also stated that the old Farmers Day stage needs to be removed. He asked Mr. Pless to coordinate with a representative from the Board of Trade concerning the removal of the stage. He asked Mr. Ketner about using Sonoco Recycling.

Mr. Ketner stated that he doesn't know of anyone using their services in this area. He stated that the representative from Sonoco told him that they would need an open area and they will "police" the area.

Mayor Bringle expressed concern over the abuse of a system like this as well as problems with the wind. He stated that they have received some good options and would like to see the Council take action on this.

Mr. Pless stated that Sonoco is raw material collection. He stated that Matangira will only collect recyclables. He stated that there may be hidden costs with using Sonoco.

Mayor Bringle stated that he does not think that they should charge the citizens.

Mr. Welter stated that he does not believe the town should do a drop off site. He stated that only the people who want the service will use it. He stated that Waste Management would charge every person in town whether they use it or not. He stated that \$5.00 a person for recycling is a good option.

Mr. Pless stated he wanted direction from the council.

They agreed to get more information about option #1, Sonoco Recycling and option #3, Matangira Recycling.

Mayor Bringle stated that he is in favor of a drop-off site like Spencer has it. He stated that this is a state mandate and they have to offer some sort of recycling option.

Mr. Ketner stated that Sonoco may want a commitment as well. He stated that he would obtain more details.

Mr. Pless stated that he would eliminate option #4 (Town crew collection) and option #5 (Waste Management).

Mayor Bringle asked that this be brought back to the December meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **I) Handrail Update**

Mr. Brooke stated that he discussed this with Mr. Ketner. He stated that he needs to get up with Rob Bernard. He stated that putting something up wrong is worse than not putting anything up at all.

Mr. Ketner stated that when he spoke with Mr. Bernard he told him that the steps were not safe and were a liability to the town.

Mayor Bringle stated that there are people who are handicapped and those who aren't that have difficulty using those steps. He stated that he would like to see closure on this item.

Mayor Bringle recognized newly elected council members Mr. Brandon Linn and Mr. Charles Seaford.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **I) Introduction of new Police Chief**

Mayor Bringle thanked Sergeant Bass for filling in the roll as Interim Police Chief during the period of absence of Police Chief.

Mayor Bringle recognized Mr. Eddie Kluttz as the new Police Chief as of November 25, 2009. He wished him the best. He stated that Mr. Kluttz has grown up in this area all of his life. He stated that he knows the people and the processes. He also stated that it means a lot to him that he is in the same town.

Mr. Overcash stated that there is a meeting on November 12, 2009 that the town needs to attend to speak against the closing of two crossings.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Public Session is at the Community Building. He stated that there is a meeting at 3:30-4:30 for the Public Officials. He stated that this is for a second line that will be coming into China Grove. He stated that there will actually be three closings included Thom Street, Eudy Road and Centerview Street. He stated that this is an important meeting.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Christmas Parade is November 24<sup>th</sup>. He stated that Kent is our chauffer and asked that Mr. Pless take care of inviting all council members to ride in the parade.

Mr. Pless stated that November 19, 2009 will be the bid opening for the CMAQ sidewalk project. He stated that they should start to see work begin in January.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Withers made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk**

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**Donald E. Bringle, Mayor**